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Stanford offers \$1 million in housing help

BY EMILY MIBACH
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In the midst of discussions over Stanford's plan to expand its campus, the university announced yesterday it will give a Redwood City nonprofit \$1 million to help preserve 25 low-income units.

Stanford didn't promise to build any housing in 2016 when it received approval from the [See STANFORD, page 38]

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Ex-judge calls rape threat a hoax



CORDELL

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Retired Palo Alto Judge LaDoris Cordell, a vocal opponent of the movement to unseat Judge Aaron Persky, has accused recall leader Michele Dauber of staging a mailed rape threat containing white powder, which caused two rooms at Stanford Law School to be evacuated yesterday.

Professor leading recall drive says written threat and white powder came in the mail

"I'm glad that the powder was harmless. I also question the timing of all of this. This has the hallmarks of a publicity stunt," Cordell said. "I say that because it is clear that the tide has turned."

Dauber said one of her former students

opened the envelope, which appeared to have been mailed from the Boston area, to find the note reading, "Since you are going to disrobe Persky, I am going to treat you like 'Emily Doe.' Let's see [See THREAT, page 38]



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THE UPDATE

Dow **+253.00** Nasdaq **+130.11** Oil **+1.41**
24,893.49 7,143.62 60.60

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GOLD MEDAL: American Mikaela Shiffrin today won gold in the women's giant slalom in her Pyeongchang Olympic debut. She used a hard-charging final run to win her second career Olympic gold medal.

COLD SPELL: Forecasters say next week will be the chilliest of the year. Overnight lows are expected to drop to the low 40s starting Tuesday morning. Gusty winds could accompany the cold temperatures, making conditions feel colder than what the thermometer says because of the wind chill effect.

UBER WANTS LOVE: Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said yesterday he is focused on cutting the company's massive losses and "getting the love back" after a year of damaging revelations about the ride-hailing service's sometimes heartless treatment of its employees, drivers, regulators and rivals. "We strive to be and should be a brand that is as beloved as Amazon and Google," Khosrowshahi said.

TRUMP ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: After White House staff secretary Rob Porter resigned following allegations of domestic violence by two former [See THE UPDATE, page 4]

17 dead in school shooting



CLASSMATES REACT — Students released from a lockdown are overcome with emotion following a shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. AP photo.

Suspect described as volatile, strange

Just before the shooting broke out, some students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., thought they were having another fire drill.

Such an exercise had forced them to leave their classrooms hours earlier. So when the alarm went off yesterday afternoon shortly before they were to be dismissed, they once again filed out into the hallways.

That's when police say 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, equipped with a gas mask, smoke grenades and multiple magazines of ammunition, opened fire with a semi-automatic weapon, killing 17 people and sending hundreds of students fleeing into the streets. It was the nation's [See SHOOTING, page 38]

Former teacher guilty of molestation

BY ALLISON LEVITSKY
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A jury yesterday found a former Palo Alto elementary school teacher guilty of molesting his ex-girlfriend's daughter for three years starting when she was 11.

Michael Airo, 36, of San Mateo, who had been out on \$500,000 bail

for two years before the trial, was taken to jail following the unanimous verdict. He was convicted of one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child and three counts of child molestation by duress.

He faces at least 15 years in state prison for the abuse and could theoretically be sentenced


to up to 40. Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Allison Marston Danner set Airo's sentencing hearing for April 19.

Airo's attorney, Michael Armstrong, requested that Airo be allowed to remain out of custody until his sentencing date, but Dan- [See GUILTY, page 38]



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